Rattlefield Humor. Many humorous incidents occurred on battlefields. A confederate colo-

nel ran ahead of his regiment at Malvern Hill, and discovering that the men were not following him as closely as he wished, he uttered a fierce oath, and exclaimed:

"Come on! Do you want to live forever?"

The appeal was irresistible, and many a poor fellow who had laughed at the colonel's queer exhortation laid down his life soon after.

A shell struck the wheel of a federal field-piece toward the close of the engagement at Fair Oaks, and, shivering the spokes, dismantled the

"Well, isn't it lucky that it didn't happen before we used up all our ammunition," remarked one of the artillerists as he crawled from beneath

When General Pope was falling back before Lee's advance in the Virginia valley his own soldiers thought his bulletins and orders somewhat strained in their rhetoric. At one of the numerous running engagements that marked that disastrous campaign, a private in one of the western regiments was mortally wounded by a shell. Seeing the man's condition, a chaplain knelt beside him, and opening his bible at random, read out Sampson's slaughter of the Philistines with the jaw-bone of an ass. He had not quite finished when, as the story runs, the poor fellow interrupted the reading by saying:

"Hold on, chaplain. Don't de ceive a dying man. Isn't the name of John Pope signed to that?"

A column of troops was pushing forward over the long and winding road in Thoroughfare Gap to head off Lee after his retreat across the Po.omac at the close of the Gettysburg campaign. Suddenly the signal officer who accompanied the general in command discovered that some of his men, posted on a high hill in the rear, were reporting the presence of a considerable body of confederate troops on the top of the bluffs on the right. A halt was at once sounded, and the leading brigade ordered forward to uncover the enemy's position. The regiments were soon scrambling up the steep incline, officers and men gallantly racing to see who could gained the advance, but at the end of what they deemed a perilous climb they were thrown into convulsions of laughter at discovering that what the signal men took for confederate troops were only a tolerably large lock of sheep. As the leaders in this forlorn hope tolled on the grass laughed all the lorder at seeing the pale but determined faces of their comrades, who, of course, came up fully expecting a desperate band-to-

It is perhaps needless to say the brigade supped on mutton that even-

mountain the day before the battle of Anticiam, General McClellan rode along the side of the moving column. ment, he exclaimed with his natural

"Supposition?" said the general, in a puzzled tone. "What do you mean

"It's easily explained, sir. You see we expected to get our rations yesterday, but as we didn't, we're living on the supposition that we did.'

"Ah, I understand; you shall have your rations, zou-zous, to-night, replied the general, putting spurs to his horse to escape the cheers of his regiment. And he kept his promise

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"What gave you such a notion as

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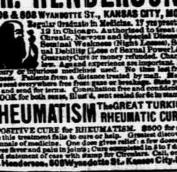
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